

Kinship Navigator Programs Around the Country

More than 2.6 million children around the country live in grandfamilies or kinship families, meaning that their grandparents, other relatives, or close family friends are raising them because their parents cannot. These families exist both inside and outside the child welfare system.

Kinship navigator programs offer information, referral, and follow-up services to caregivers to link them to the benefits and services that they and the children need. Some of the programs are over twenty years old and provide robust case management, concrete goods, and other supportive services to the families, while others may be limited to information and referral. Due to federal funding opportunities that became widely available starting in 2018, many programs are relatively new. The list below attempts to capture all kinship navigator programs, both longstanding and new, without assessing their effectiveness. Generations United has a [tip sheet](#) that highlights key promising practices for these programs.

Kinship navigator programs are most helpful when they serve all kinship families, regardless of child welfare involvement. However, because the majority of kinship families have no involvement with the child welfare system, it is particularly important to serve those outside that system of supports.

The list below, organized by state and territory, notes which families each program serves, in addition to providing basic service information and a website link. Some tribes also have their own kinship navigator programs, but they are not yet on this list. For jurisdictions that do not offer a kinship navigator program, other kinship supports may be identified and listed.

ALABAMA

Kinship Navigator

Locations Served: Statewide (available services vary by county)

Services:

- ▶ Information and referral
- ▶ Emotional support for caregivers
- ▶ Case management
- ▶ Wraparound services (clothing assistance and funding for special activities)
- ▶ Peer-to-peer connection opportunities

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://navigator.alabama.gov>

ALASKA

Volunteers of America Alaska Kinship Family Program

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Monthly kinship connection groups
- ▶ Educational workshops
- ▶ Case management
- ▶ Financial assistance
- ▶ Social activities and events
- ▶ Access to a community pantry

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement. To enroll, caregivers can complete the program's [intake form](#).

Website: <https://voaak.org/services/kinship-family-program/>

ARIZONA

Arizona's Children Association Kinship Support Services (AKSS)

Locations Served: Statewide (available services vary by location)

Services:

- ▶ Information and referral
- ▶ Educational opportunities
- ▶ School enrollment assistance
- ▶ Legal resource information
- ▶ Support groups
- ▶ Benefit application assistance

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.arizonaschildren.org/kinship/> (As of October 2022, this is one of two kinship navigator programs found by the [Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse](#) to have met one of its three evidentiary standards. This means the program can be federally reimbursed on an ongoing basis for 50 percent of its expenses.)

ARKANSAS

No information for a kinship navigator program.

CALIFORNIA

California reports three kinship navigator programs:

California Department of Social Services Kinship Navigator

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Services to support caregivers and young people to find resources
- ▶ Resource library
- ▶ Communication with personal assistants to answer questions and provide guidance

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.getvirtualsupport.org/app/>

Lilliput Kinship Support Services Program

Locations Served: Antioch, Auburn, Chico, Citrus Heights, Martinez, Napa, Redding, Sacramento, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, Stockton, West Sacramento, and Woodland Counties

Services:

- ▶ In-home support
- ▶ Counseling
- ▶ Support groups
- ▶ Respite resources
- ▶ Information and referral
- ▶ Legal referrals
- ▶ Guardianship workshops and adoption assistance
- ▶ Family activities
- ▶ Play care
- ▶ Mentoring
- ▶ Assistance with basic emergency needs

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.lilliput.org/parents/kinship-services>

San Diego YMCA Kinship Support

Locations Served: San Diego County

Services:

- ▶ Support Groups in both English and Spanish
- ▶ Parenting education
- ▶ Childcare
- ▶ Respite

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.ymcasd.org/community-support/ymca-youth-and-family-services/family-support-and-preservation/kinship-support-services>

COLORADO

No information for a kinship navigator program. Services that may help:

Colorado Department of Human Services Kinship Resources

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Information and resources on navigating the legal system, Colorado's Kinship Adoption Program, and state and local organizations that serve kinship families

Eligibility: Depends on program and service

Website: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/kinship-connection>

CONNECTICUT

The Children's Community Programs of Connecticut Center for Kinship Services

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Help navigating legal, financial, health, and educational services
- ▶ Case management
- ▶ Family-centered assessments
- ▶ Training
- ▶ Support group
- ▶ Consultation with local family therapists
- ▶ Family search and engagement
- ▶ Peer support
- ▶ Consultation and training for child welfare agency staff and policymakers

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.ccp-ct.org/center-for-kinship-services/>

DELAWARE

Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families, Division of Family Services (DFS), Foster Care Program, Kinship Navigator Program

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Kinship navigator program services provided via contract with Children’s Choice of Delaware, utilizing Florida’s KIN-TECH model
- ▶ Professional or peer navigators help caregivers access services and support. Examples include:
 - Accessing Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, and other financial services
 - Counseling/therapy referrals
 - Invitation to support groups
 - Respite referrals

- ▶ Inter-Disciplinary Team, including the caregiver, works together to problem-solve complex issues and provides other referrals to public/private agencies for services needed by the caregiver

Full Eligibility: Referral by DFS caseworker, guardian ad litem, court-appointed special advocate, or others for:

1. **Formal Kinship Caregivers** of children in DFS custody and placed by DFS with relative or fictive kin
2. **Voluntary Kinship Caregivers** of children not in DFS custody but active with DFS and approved via Safety Assessment by DFS to live with relative or fictive kin with or without a Safety Agreement

Partial Eligibility: Self-referral or referral by someone else for:

Informal Caregivers of children outside of the child welfare system for only information and referral services and support group services

Website: www.childrenschoice.org/delaware-programs

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The District of Columbia is in the process of developing a kinship navigator program. Services that may help:

KinCare Alliance

Locations Served: Districtwide

Services:

- ▶ Legal representation
- ▶ Information and education for caregivers
- ▶ Assistance with obtaining, and advocating for health and mental health care, substance use treatment, financial supports, and other support services for the whole family

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.dckincare.org/>

FLORIDA

Florida reports two kinship navigator programs:

Children's Home Network

Locations Served: Hillsborough, Osceola, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, and Seminole Counties

Services:

- ▶ In-home case management and navigation services
- ▶ Referral services
- ▶ Support groups
- ▶ Community collaborative meeting facilitation
- ▶ Local partnerships to support caregivers

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.childrenshomenetwork.org/kinship>

Kids Central, Inc.

Locations Served: Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, and Sumter Counties

Services:

- ▶ Support groups
- ▶ Legal services
- ▶ Intergenerational activities
- ▶ Resources – food, clothing, and household items

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.kidscentralinc.org/prevention-programs/kinship-care/>

GEORGIA

Kinship Navigator Program

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Financial independence education
- ▶ Resources on the topics of legal services, mental health, medical care, education, housing, and childcare

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://dhs.georgia.gov/kinship-care-portal/kinship-navigator-program>

HAWAI'I

No information for a kinship navigator program. Services that may help:

Catholic Charities Hawai'i Foster or Relative Placement Services

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Information and referral
- ▶ Specialized foster care for infants and toddlers with special healthcare needs
- ▶ Monitoring and placement of children in foster or relative care across state lines
- ▶ Assessment, training, and licensing of child-specific resource families

Eligibility: Limited to kinship families with foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org/>

IDAHO

Idaho Department of Health and Wellness Kinship and Caregiving Resources

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Resource and navigation services
- ▶ Community resources on financial assistance
- ▶ Health and dental insurance
- ▶ Early childhood education
- ▶ Intervention services for disabled children
- ▶ Food assistance programs
- ▶ Legal services
- ▶ Support groups
- ▶ Assistance obtaining the [Relative Caretaker or Grandparent \(TAFI\) grant](#)

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/services-programs/children-families/child-protection-and-foster-care/about-kinship-and-caregiving>

ILLINOIS

Illinois Department of Children & Family Services Extended Family Support Program

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Assistance obtaining guardianship
- ▶ School enrollment support
- ▶ Help navigating and accessing grants, entitlements, and other benefits
- ▶ Referrals to other services
- ▶ Cash assistance to obtain guardianship and meet child's basic needs

Eligibility: Open to kinship families who are not involved with foster care or child welfare

Website: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dcf/lovinghomes/Pages/Grandparents-and-Older-Caregivers-Raising-Children.aspx>

INDIANA

Kinship Indiana Support Services

Locations Served: Statewide

Services: Information and referrals only

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.indianafostercare.org/s/kinship-indiana-support-services>

IOWA

No information for a kinship navigator program. Services that may help:

Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parents Association Kinship Resources

Locations Served: Lin and Johnson Counties

Services:

- ▶ In-home services
 - ▶ Parent education
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- ▶ Support groups
- ▶ Community resource referrals

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: http://ifapa.org/resources/kinship_resources.asp

Iowa Families First Counseling Services Kinship Resources

Locations Served: See [Office Locations](#)

Services:

- ▶ Needs assessment
- ▶ Development of kinship care plans with action steps
- ▶ Caregiver safecare education
- ▶ Support groups
- ▶ Assistance accessing supplemental resources, such as food assistance, childcare assistance, Family Investment Program (FIP), medical insurance, and legal aid

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.families-first.net/services/kinship-resources>

KANSAS

Kansas Family Advisory Network Kinship Navigator Program

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Family support services
- ▶ Budget education and planning
- ▶ Parent education
- ▶ Accompaniment in court

- ▶ Paperwork assistance
- ▶ Childcare
- ▶ Financial resources
- ▶ Mental health and medical resources
- ▶ Housing assistance
- ▶ Support groups
- ▶ Community resource referrals
- ▶ Legal services

Eligibility: Open to kinship families who are not involved with foster care or child welfare

Website: <http://www.kfan.org/kinship-navigator-program/>

KENTUCKY

No information for a kinship navigator program. Services that may help:

Kentucky Foster Adoptive Care Exchange System Kinship Resources

Locations Served: Various regional offices and statewide services

Services:

- ▶ Childcare assistance
- ▶ Information and navigation
- ▶ Training
- ▶ Relative placement support benefit

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://prd.webapps.chfs.ky.gov/kyfaces/Home/Resources?tab=kinship>

LOUISIANA

Kinship Navigator

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Support groups
- ▶ Resource brochures
- ▶ Information and referral to assistance programs
- ▶ 2-1-1 hotline

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.dcfslouisiana.gov/page/kinship-navigator>

MAINE

Adoptive & Foster Families of Maine Inc. & The Kinship Program

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Information and referral to appropriate services
- ▶ Support with establishing and maintaining relationships between kinship caregivers and their formal supports
- ▶ Legal and resource guides
- ▶ 2-1-1 services

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://affm.net/support/the-kinship-program/>

MARYLAND

No information for a kinship navigator program. Services that may help:

Department of Human Services Kinship Care Resources

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Financial supports
- ▶ Medical assistance
- ▶ School enrollment assistance
- ▶ Legal resources
- ▶ Mental health resources

Eligibility: Services target kinship caregivers who are not involved in foster care or child welfare

Website: <https://dhs.maryland.gov/foster-care/kinship-care/>

MASSACHUSETTS

Kinship Navigator

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Assistance with navigating services such as those offered by the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA); the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); and the Department of Children and Families (DCF)
- ▶ Assistance with connecting families to family resource centers
- ▶ Support groups
- ▶ Mental health and counseling
- ▶ Food and nutrition assistance
- ▶ Legal services
- ▶ Childcare

- ▶ Support for kinship caregivers who have a family member struggling with substance use

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.mass.gov/kinship-navigator>

MICHIGAN

Michigan State University Kinship Care Resource Center

Locations Served: Statewide (available services vary by county)

Services:

- ▶ Information and referral
- ▶ Access to contact list of local supports across the state and a calendar with their meeting information
- ▶ Trainings
- ▶ Workshops and other events for kinship caregivers, service providers, policymakers, and researchers
- ▶ Respite care funds

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://kinship.msu.edu/>

MINNESOTA

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota Kinship Family Support Services

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Legal resources
- ▶ Health resources
- ▶ Financial assistance resources
- ▶ Family circle conference trainings
- ▶ Warmline access

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.lssmn.org/services/families/kinship>

MISSISSIPPI

Southern Mississippi Planning & Development District Kinship Navigator Program

Locations Served: Clarke, Covington, Forrest, Hancock, Harrison, George, Greene, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Kemper, Lamar, Lauderdale, Leake, Marion, Newton, Neshoba, Pearl River, Perry, Scott, Smith, Stone, and Wayne Counties

Services:

- ▶ Childcare resources
- ▶ Family support meetings/groups
- ▶ Educational guidance/support with issues
- ▶ TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) assistance
- ▶ Medicaid eligibility and services assistance
- ▶ Housing resources
- ▶ Legal services
- ▶ Trainings and workshops
- ▶ Medical, dental, and vision resources

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <http://smpdd.com/kinship-navigator-program/>

MISSOURI

Missouri reports two kinship navigator programs:

University of Missouri Parent Link Kinship Navigator Program

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Ongoing problem-solving support
- ▶ Virtual and in-person informational and support opportunities
- ▶ Warm handoffs to vetted community resources
- ▶ Benefit application assistance, including help completing paperwork
- ▶ Connection to low or no-cost family mediation services
- ▶ Connection to the Missouri Child Support Program
- ▶ Distribution of essential items
- ▶ Assistance with securing basic needs and finding transportation
- ▶ Connection to mental and behavioral health resources
- ▶ Assistance with accessing developmental screenings for young children

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://education.missouri.edu/navigators/>

The Central Missouri Foster Care & Adoption Kinship Navigators

Locations Served: 24 counties – see website

Services:

- ▶ Assistance navigating the child welfare, mental health, and education systems, including crisis intervention services; training and licensing assistance to relative care providers; and help accessing food, clothing, and other tangible resources

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://mofosteradopt.com/kinship-navigators/>

MONTANA

Montana State University Kinship Navigator Program

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Online support groups, resources, and education
- ▶ Information and referrals to services
- ▶ Access to a mental health hotline

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://msuextension.org/mtknp/index.html>

NEBRASKA

Lutheran Family Services KinCare

Locations Served: Dodge and Lancaster Counties

Services:

- ▶ AARP grandfamilies guide
- ▶ Education and training

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.onelfs.org/childrens-services/kincare/>

NEVADA

Foster Kinship Navigator Program

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Legal support
- ▶ Assistance accessing financial support
- ▶ Helpline access
- ▶ Assistance navigating resources
- ▶ Support groups
- ▶ Case management
- ▶ TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) information sessions

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.fosterkinship.org/kinship-navigator-program/>

NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Hampshire Children's Trust Kinship Navigation Program

Locations Served: Antrim, Berlin, Claremont, Concord, Conway, Derry, Dover, Gorham, Keene, Laconia, Manchester, Nashua, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Tilton, and Salem Counties

Services:

- ▶ Emotional support
- ▶ Education and guidance to relative caregivers
- ▶ Information and referral
- ▶ Follow-up services

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.nhchildrenstrust.org/kinship>

NEW JERSEY

Kinship Navigator Program

Locations Served: Statewide (available services vary by county)

Services:

- ▶ Referrals to grandparenting and family support groups and other services
- ▶ Help with medical coverage and services
- ▶ Child support collection assistance
- ▶ Housing assistance
- ▶ Help with legal services and fees
- ▶ Financial services and assistance

Eligibility: Open to kinship families who are not involved with foster care or child welfare

Website: <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/families/support/kinship/>

NEW MEXICO

SHARE New Mexico Kinship Navigation

Locations Served: Bernalillo, Doña Ana, and Rio Arriba Counties (other counties may access services on a case-by-case basis)

Services:

- ▶ Resource directory
- ▶ Support groups
- ▶ Toll-free assistance from bilingual (English-Spanish) navigators

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://sharenm.org/kinship-navigation>

NEW YORK

New York State Navigator

Locations Served: Statewide (services vary by county)

Services:

- ▶ Kinship resources, including legal assistance and aging services
- ▶ Youth programs and resources
- ▶ Virtual case management
- ▶ County-based resources

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.nysnavigator.org/>

NORTH CAROLINA

No information for a kinship navigator program. Services that may help:

Foster Family Alliance of North Carolina Foster, Kinship & Adoptive Parents Association Website

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Educational courses and resources
- ▶ Webinars and trainings
- ▶ Resource guides
- ▶ Information on KinGAP (Guardianship Assistance Program)

Eligibility: Limited to kinship families with foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.ffa-nc.org/>

NORTH DAKOTA

Kinship ND

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Legal resources
- ▶ Financial resources
- ▶ Physical/mental/dental health and child behavioral support
- ▶ Parenting information
- ▶ Assistance with basic needs (food, clothing, shelter)
- ▶ Transportation assistance
- ▶ Childcare

Eligibility: Open to North Dakota kinship families who are not involved with foster care or child welfare

Website: <https://kinshipnd.com/>

OHIO

Ohio reports two kinship navigator programs:

Kinship and Adoption Navigator (OhioKAN)

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Support with Kinship Permanency Incentive Program (KPIP), Kinship Caregiver Program (KCP), Post Adoption Special Services Subsidy (PASSS) Program, State Adoption Maintenance Subsidy (SAMS), Adoption Assistance (AA), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits

- ▶ Subsidized childcare
- ▶ Information and referral to local community resources

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://ohiokan.jfs.ohio.gov/>

Ohio's Kinship Supports Intervention/ProtectOHIO

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Individualized kinship caregiver support plan for each caregiver
- ▶ Plan focuses on case management activities and may address topics such as financial assistance, referral services, and training
- ▶ Intervention includes monthly home visit services with a kinship coordinator

Eligibility: Limited to kinship families with foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://preventionservices.acf.hhs.gov/programs/319/show> (As of October 2022, this is one of two kinship navigator programs found by the [Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse](#) to have met its evidentiary standards. This means the program can be federally reimbursed on an ongoing basis for 50 percent of its expenses.)

OKLAHOMA

Northcare Family KINnections Kinship Resources

Locations Served: Oklahoma County

Services:

- ▶ Resource distribution
- ▶ Community events
- ▶ Case management

- ▶ Referrals
- ▶ Educational services
- ▶ Home-based support
- ▶ Crisis helpline connection

Eligibility: Limited to kinship families with foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://familykinnections.org/>

OREGON

Kinship Navigator

Locations Served: Statewide (available services vary by region)

Services:

- ▶ Legal assistance
- ▶ Access to services
- ▶ Tangible resource support
- ▶ Educational and technology support
- ▶ Extracurricular activities
- ▶ Resource guides
- ▶ Support groups

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://oregonkinshipnavigator.org/>

PENNSYLVANIA

KinConnector

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ 2-1-1 services
- ▶ Information and referral
- ▶ Follow-up services
- ▶ Virtual library of resources
- ▶ Trainings

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.kinconnector.org/>

PUERTO RICO

No information for a kinship navigator program. Services that may help:

Programa de Apoyo y Orientación para Abuelos y Abuelas en la Crianza de los Nietos

Locations Served: Island-wide

Services:

- ▶ Support and counseling
- ▶ Coordination of services in the areas of physical health, mental health, education, early interventions, economic assistance, and legal assistance

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Contact Information: Call the program by dialing (787) 977-8022 (metro) / (888) 359-7777 (island).

RHODE ISLAND

No information for a kinship navigator program. Services that may help:

Grands Flourish Inc. Foster & Kinship Care Resources

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Virtual workshops
- ▶ Mentorship programs
- ▶ Legal resources
- ▶ Foster and kinship care resources
- ▶ Wellness and safety resources for both the caregiver and child

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://grandsflourish.org/>

SOUTH CAROLINA

KinshipSC

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Healthcare resources
- ▶ Legal supports and resources
- ▶ Information and referral to community resources

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.kinshipsc.org/>

SOUTH DAKOTA

No information for a kinship navigator program.

TENNESSEE

No information for a kinship navigator program. Services that may help:

Relative Caregiver Program

Locations Served: Statewide (available services vary by region)

Services:

- ▶ Short-term case management
- ▶ Youth/teen activity groups
- ▶ Emergency one-time financial or startup assistance
- ▶ Educational workshops, information, and referrals
- ▶ Respite and enrichment
- ▶ Caregiver support groups
- ▶ Material assistance

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.kidcentraltn.com/support/full-family-support/relative-caregiver-program.html>

TEXAS

Texas's Department of Family and Protective Services is piloting kinship navigator programs in limited sites. Services and locations vary.

Website: https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Kinship_Care/default.asp

UTAH

Children's Service Society of Utah Grandfamilies & Kinship Care

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Crisis intervention
- ▶ Adult educational support programs
- ▶ Children's support programs
- ▶ Links to community resources
- ▶ Drug and alcohol prevention services for children

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://cssutah.org/services/kinship-care/>

VERMONT

Vermont Kin as Parents Navigator Program

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Educational opportunities
- ▶ Resources
- ▶ Referrals
- ▶ Financial assistance
- ▶ Support groups

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://www.vkap.org/>

VIRGIN ISLANDS

No information for a kinship navigator program. Services that may help:

U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Human Services

Locations Served: Island-wide

Services:

- ▶ Family assistance programs
- ▶ Childcare and regulatory services
- ▶ Intake and emergency services

Eligibility: Depends on service and program

Website: <http://dhs.gov.vi>

VIRGINIA

Virginia is piloting six kinship navigator programs around the state.

Family First Virginia Kinship Navigator Programs

Locations Served: Alexandria, Amherst, Appomattox, Arlington, Bedford, Bland, Bristol, Buchanan, Campbell, Carroll, Chesapeake, Dickenson, Fairfax, Galax, Giles, Grayson, James City, Lee, Loudon, Lynchburg, Montgomery, Nelson, Norfolk, Norton, Portsmouth, Prince William, Pulaski, Radford, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Suffolk, Tazewell, Virginia Beach, Washington, Williamsburg, Wise, Wythe, and York-Poquoson Counties

Services:

- ▶ Housing support
- ▶ Benefit application assistance
- ▶ Physical and dental health services
- ▶ School information

- ▶ 2-1-1 information, toll-free hotline

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: https://familyfirstvirginia.com/prevserv/kinship_nav.html

WASHINGTON

Washington State Kinship Navigator Program

Locations Served: Statewide (available services vary by county and tribe)

Services:

- ▶ Support groups
- ▶ Tribal kinship navigators
- ▶ Healthcare resources
- ▶ Information and referral to benefits and services
- ▶ Legal services
- ▶ Kinship reference guides

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/kinship-care-support-services?field_counties_value=All&field_kinship_care_resource_type_value=Kinship+Navigators&field_city_value=All

WEST VIRGINIA

Mission West Virginia Kinship Navigator

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Needs assessments
- ▶ Information and referral to community resources
- ▶ Child Protective Services/Court/Homestudy process guidance
- ▶ Assistance applying for resources and benefits

Eligibility: Limited to Child Protective Services (CPS)-involved kinship families during the first 90 days of placement

Website: <https://www.missionwv.org/kinship-navigators>

WISCONSIN

Kinship Navigator

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Child support resources
- ▶ Childcare options
- ▶ Education resources
- ▶ Healthcare coverage assistance and resources
- ▶ Legal resources
- ▶ Permanency options

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/kinship/navigator>

WYOMING

Kinship Connections of Wyoming

Locations Served: Statewide

Services:

- ▶ Permanency option services
- ▶ Legal services, education, and academic services
- ▶ Public benefit application assistance
- ▶ Information and referral to community resources

Eligibility: Open to kinship families regardless of foster care or child welfare agency involvement

Website: <https://kcowyo.org/navigator-services>

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